

Senior Leadership Team Meeting (SLT) Notes

07/23/2018

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. (RA Conference Room)

Doug Benevento RA		Suzanne Bohan ARA ECEJ	X	K.C. Schefski RC	X	Jeffrey Martinez CID	
Deb Thomas DRA	X	Kim Opekar DARA ECEJ	X	Brian Joffe, acting Deputy RC	X	Lance Ehrig CID	
Patrick Davis, Senior Advisor	X	Andrew Mutter Dir OCPI	X	Darcy O'Connor ARA OWP	X	Pat Gilbride IG	
LR Coord. (vacant)		Martin Hestmark ARA OPRA	X	Bert Garcia DARA OWP			
RA Advisor Rep.		Carl Daly DARA OPRA	X	Rick Buhl ARA TMS			
		Betsy Smidinger ARA EPR		Patrice Kortuem DARA TMS	X		
Beth Archer, Recorder	X	Sandy Stavnes DARA EPR	X				

- Guest Visitor(s)
 - N/A
- Special Topic
 - N/A
- RA/DRA Updates
 - RA
 - N/A, on travel
 - DRA
 - The RA will be on travel July 23, returning to CO on July 24 for a trip to Greeley for a Smart Sector meeting. RA will be in the office on July 25 for OECA meeting. He will be traveling to Montana on July 26 and July 27
 - The DRA will be traveling to the RTOC from July 24 – 26
 - HQ Meeting (EMC)
 - Day 1 stakeholders meeting, Region 8 was well represented to HQ
 - Discussion included: permitting, non-attainment and lead
 - DRA plans to share notes
 - Day 2 was a budget forum, limited information may be shared
 - Resource allocation with strategic plan
 - Conversation regarding disinvestments
 - Food waste was mentioned
 - Demographics, grade level distribution
 - Retirement eligibility
 - Knowledge transfer
 - Workforce planning
 - Day 2 and 3 included ELMS discussions
 - Additional discussion will follow at next Business Review Meeting
 - Readiness assessment expected in October
 - Elevation Process Memo expected from HQ to stress importance of elevating issues
 - Strengthening the SES
 - SES rotation, EPA has shown a successful percentage of rotation, including acting positions, some discussion on this
- Round Robin
 - Patrick
 - July 24, Ag Smart Sector meeting in Greeley
 - July 31, Salt Lake City, RA Attending

- August 2, Smurfit Stone Meeting in Missoula
- 7/23, 7/24, 7/26 Education and Environmental Sessions
- Martin
 - North Dakota name change package for the Air Program will be in from ND August 1
 - R8 Air Program and ORC to meet with Center for Biological Diversity for Colorado Ozone attainment plan on July 24
 - Rescheduled consultation with the Ute Tribe, August 17 tentatively, expected to be an all-day meeting
 - Want to discuss national tribal FIP amendment, U&O Ozone FIP, and SDWA case
 - Evraz – CDPHE and R8 RCRA discussed slag in Pueblo, Gary Baughman in attendance
 - EPA concern is residential use
- Andrew
 - Smart Sectors Greeley Event, RA to meet with Greeley Tribune July 24
 - Superfund Taskforce one year date
 - Press release expected
 - Colorado Smelter rollout occurred recently
 - Coverage of Libby Fire
 - Christina and Katherine have been working with Western News to ensure consistent information
 - Senator Daines letter, waiting on RA response
- Patrice
 - Sifa is on leave for two weeks, contact Patrice for scheduling with Rick
 - New travel cards expected in the fall, more to follow
 - SLT team awards expected to be shared and entered into FPPS by next week
 - Invite award recipients to RA's conference room outside of SLT timeslot
- Brian
 - RTOC tomorrow, giving case updates
- Kim
 - OECA visit July 25, all hands with Susan Bodine at 11am
- KC
 - Megan Garvey onboarding July 30
 - Elyana raised PFAS meeting, legal representation for working discussion
 - ORC Summer Speaker series for Legal Interns July 25 at 12pm
- Sandy
 - Betsy returns on Wednesday, July 25
 - Jen Schuller is FLAG lead through end of FY18, Steve Wharton will take over as lead and FLAG needs an alternate. Request first line supervisors to consider applying as the alternate representative for the FLAG group
 - NEPA
 - Timber sale in MT, draft EIS letter due 7/30 will be provided to RA later this week
 - By August 2, three sage grouse management plans letters are expected
 - Bonita Peak, American Tunnel
 - Minor release on 7/21, observed downstream above confluence of Animas and Cement Creek during EPA inspection, BLM was aware of our work and this is a follow on of work planned in conjunction with them last summer

- RA requested out brief, scheduled for July 25 at 4pm
- Darcy
 - Meridian, no inquiries on public notice
 - Hearing date: August 13
 - PFAS
 - Press release on Friday, July 20
 - Community Meeting scheduled for August 7 and 8
 - Notifications to tribal environmental directors, state environmental directors, congressional contacts, and reporters went out on Friday
 - Lisa Kahn sent notifications to local stakeholders
 - Day 2 round table, invitation has been sent, requesting input on national management plan
 - Request from Colorado People's Alliance, Commerce City, Saturday July 28 for EPA to participate in a meeting on PFAS. Reaching out to HQ and CDPHE on participation.
 - Draft Action Memo: WY Individual Variance Provision
 - Preference to get it out by July 31
 - Email from Bert on Lake Koocanusa
- Suzanne
 - **Enforcement/Investigatory / Ex. 7(a)**
 - OECA, ECEJ All Hands: 11am – 12pm, Bison/Bitterroot
 - Tipton Letter and draft response on Colorado Springs expected to be shared with RA this week
 - Nine SDWA emergency orders in the last seven weeks
 - Agnes Leggins discussion with Fort Belknap representatives
 - Boil water advisory is in effect, samples will be taken for the next three days
 - Ute Tribe visit on August 17
 - Inspectors have informed they are interested in broader discussions on being involved in enforcement planning
 - Interest in accompanying on inspections
 - Steve Pirner information sent to RA on 7/19(Friday)
 - Request for RLT to get a point of contact for Employees Association
 - Press Releases - Duke University study that press releases have more value than inspections in influencing compliance
 - Discussed HQ approval of press releases
 - Colorado Springs mock trial last week, in preparation of September trial
 - Analysis of settlement offer expected soon for RA
- Report from Deputies
 - Expected conversations:
 - Lab Planning in out years
 - Converting staff from EPS to scientist series
 - Measuring and tracking inspections on bowling chart metrics
- Recap Decisions/Tasks/Reminders
 - Smart Sectors meetings are scheduled for:
 - July 31, Salt Lake City (RA Attending)
 - August 2, Missoula, Smurfit Stone Meeting

- Request for RLT to identify a POC for the employee association
- Request for First Line Supervisors to volunteer as an alternate representative for the FLAG group